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should be a local decision, or it's needed for greater efficiency? Talk about a slanted question, but the local decision answer was able to get 80.6 percent of the vote; needed for greater efficiency only came up with 19.4, less than 20 percent. So that shows me that the community at large thinks that we need to leave the Class I schools alone. Yes, there are some that are inefficient and, yes, they are closing on their own. We will bring out those statistics in later discussions. As far as AM0251 is concerned, that would say that none of this would happen until the year 2055. Mr. President, I would move to...I would request that we...that I...forget that. I would withdraw this amendment. Thank you.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Mr. Clerk, you may read some items first, if you wish.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. President. Notice of priority bill designation: The Government Committee has selected LB 242 as one of its two committee priority bills. Business and Labor Committee reports LB 462 to General File with amendments, and LB 532 to General File with amendments. Government Committee reports LB 240 to General File; LB 241, General File; LB 401, General File with amendments; and LB 56 indefinitely postponed; and LB 255 indefinitely postponed. I have confirmation hearing reports from the Government Committee, Mr. President, and a new resolution, LR 40, by Senator Erdman. That will be laid over. (Legislative Journal pages 492-499.)

Mr. President, the next amendment I have is by Senator McDonald, AM0086. (Legislative Journal page 499.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator McDonald, you're recognized to open on AM0086 to LB 126.

SENATOR McDONALD: Mr. President and members of the body, AM0086 removes the distinction between resident students and option students. Option enrollment is part of Nebraska law. Supposedly, LB 126 is not an attempt to eliminate option enrollment. If that's truly the case, then let's make certain that LB 126 reflects that viewpoint. This amendment says that there is no difference between students who option into a